

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for impregnating a layer of a cigarette paper wrapper with a water repellent coating to avoid spotting comprising:  
  
applying a first layer of a cellulose derivative to said sheet of paper;  
  
5 allowing said first layer to dry; and  
  
applying a second layer of a cellulose derivative to a sheet of paper.
2. A method as described in claim 1, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.
3. A method as described in claim 2, wherein the total amount of ethyl cellulose  
10 used for said layers of cellulose derivative combined is at least 1 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
4. A method as described in claim 2, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied on opposite sides of said paper.
5. A method as described in claim 2, wherein said first and second layers of cellulose derivative is applied to the same side of said paper.
- 15 6. A method as described in claim 1, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied using a coating roller in a gravure process.
7. A method as described in claim 1, wherein said impregnated layer of cigarette paper maintains an air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.
8. A method for impregnating a layer of paper in order to avoid spotting in a  
20 cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with said layer of paper applying a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative in at least two layers while maintaining air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.
9. A method according to claim 8, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

10. A method according to claim 8, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.
11. A method for impregnating a layer of a cigarette paper wrapper with a water repellant coating to avoid spotting comprising:
- 5           applying a first layer of a cellulose derivative to said sheet of paper; and
- applying a second layer of a cellulose derivative to a sheet of paper.
12. A method as described in claim 11, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.
13. A method as described in claim 12, wherein the total amount of ethyl cellulose  
10       used for said layers of cellulose derivative combined is at least 1 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
14. A method as described in claim 12, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied on opposite sides of said paper.
15. A method as described in claim 12, wherein said first and second layers of cellulose derivative is applied to the same side of said paper.
- 15       16. A method as described in claim 11, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied using a coating roller in a gravure process.
17. A method as described in claim 11, wherein said impregnated layer of cigarette paper maintains an air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.
18. A cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with a layer of paper having  
20       a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, said cellulose derivative consisting of at least two layers and providing air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.
19. A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.

20. A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.
21. A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.
- 5 22. A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
23. A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.
- 10 24. A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.
25. A cigarette wrapper comprising a water repellant impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, said cellulose derivative consisting of at least two layers and providing air permeability of least 20 Coresta units.
- 15 26. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.
27. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein said cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.
28. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.
- 20 29. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
30. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.
- 25 31. A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.